
City of Carthage



Public Safety Committee – Minutes

Meeting Date: September 21, 2020

Meeting Location: Zoom meeting

Call to Order: Chairman Harrison

Time Called to Order: 5:30pm

Attendance:

Chairman Harrison, Councilman Barlow, Councilman Thompson, Chief Williams, Chief Dagnan, Morgan Housh, Tom Short, Cherry Babcock, Todd Erikson, Mark Elliff, Craig Diggs, Ceri Otero

OLD BUSINESS

Councilman Thompson made the motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting as written. Motion passed.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

1. Cherry Babcock spoke with the committee on the Maple Leaf City Minibration parade plan. The parade will take place on October 17th at 9:30am. The parade route will proceed south on Grand Avenue from 11th Street to East Centennial Avenue. There will be approximately 30 entries in the parade. Specialty Risk and one other donor will provide the insurance for this parade. Social distancing will be suggested. Cherry has not spoken with Zeb Carney at Public Works as of right now but will be getting with him on barricades and street closures. Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve the request of the Maple Leaf City parade as stated in the packet provided to the committee. This will include road closures, blocking of streets, and police presence. The packet is attached. The motion passed.
2. Todd Erikson updated the committee on the crosswalks at Butterball. Back in September last year, this issue was brought to the committee. Todd explained then how Butterball is set up with two crosswalks in front of their building where employees walk across the street to the parking lot. They have had two employees hurt while crossing these cross walks by being hit by moving traffic. Butterball suggested that they remove the existing crosswalks and put one in a more centralized crosswalk, a pedestrian crossing sign in the middle of the road for better visibility, add a speed gun to display speeds, and also add a speed hump on both sides of the centralized crosswalk to slow down traffic entering and leaving the parking lot. Butterball was asking the City to help with the changes and Butterball would fund it. Chief Dagnan spoke with Zeb Carney from the Streets Department on the issue. There has been a contract written up between Butterball and the City of Carthage. A few changes are being made and drafting of a new contract. Once contract is completed it will be reviewed by Butterball and City of Carthage, and City Attorney to make sure that everyone agrees. Tom Short mentioned that they need to make sure on how the contract is written and who is funding the changes. No motion was needed.

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NEW BUSINESS

1. Chief Dagnan received a citizen complaint on the alley at 10th and Garrison. This alley is a long and narrow alley making it difficult for two vehicles to pass through at the same time. Chief Dagnan went and surveyed the alley and did determine that the brush on the sides of the road made it difficult for vehicles to travel. Public Works crew cleaned the alley up and removed some brush and obstacles. However even with this clean up the alley is still very narrow. Chief is suggesting that the alley not be made a 1-way street however making it a suggested 1-way but will not be enforced. The committee agreed with putting up signage on the narrow alley but no heavy enforcement. No motion was taken.
2. Staff reports
 - a. Fire Department
 - Chief Williams notified the committee that the new engine is still in production and getting closer to completion.
 - The CFD will be doing promotion testing for the Lieutenant and Engineer positions next week.
 - The CFD is doing hose testing this week.
 - Chief Williams gave the committee a COVID update
 - b. Police Department
 - Chief Dagnan spoke with the committee on the upcoming Halloween events. Halloween is on a Saturday this year and there will be no school on the Friday before. This will make the children trick-or-treat on the Square on Thursday after school. There will also be trick-or-treating on Saturday evening. In years past the CPD has blocked Grand street and the square due to the number of trick-or-treaters on that road. This was precaution for the children's safety. Dagnan suggests that on Saturday the CPD monitors Grand Ave and the Square and if needed they will block the street same as years past. Tom Short mentioned with the pandemic going on and the safety of the City of Carthage employees, the City will not be handing out candy on Thursday.
 - The City Attorney is drafting the vicious dog ordinance.
 - Chief Dagnan gave the committee a COVID update in his department.

Tom Short spoke briefly of the City raises that will go into effect on 9/24/2020.

ADJOURNMENT – Councilman Thompson made a motion to adjourn. Motion passed.

Next Meeting Date: October 19, 2020

Next Meeting Location: TBD

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